continued to come from various quarters, the competent authority in the Deptt. of Health had requested the CBI for a thorough investigation and asked for completion of the investigation within a period of one month. The CBI has since informed that as the Delhi Police are already investigating the matter, they do not have jurisdiction to take up investigation of the case.

(c) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences is taking all possible safeguards to the safety of question papers.

Spurious Drugs

†3500. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are concerned over the increasing number of cases of spurious drugs in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such cases which came to light during the year 2001-2002 in the country as compared to the cases in each of the preceding two years alongwith details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the guidelines issued in this regard earlier by Government to the State Government are not also proving effective; and

(d) if so, the strategy Government are formulating to put a check on such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Government is concerned over the problem of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs. This is clandestine activity indulged in by some unscrupulous and anti-social persons.

Under the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules thereunder, State Governments have been empowered to enforce quality of drugs including check on manufacture and sale of spurious drugs. As per the feedback available from the State Licensing Authorities, a Statement indicating State-wise number of cases wherein a big haul of spurious drugs has been unearthed during the period 2000-2001 and 1.4.2001—26.11.2001 detected by them is given (*See* below). Recently Delhi Police in association with Drugs Control Deptt. of Govt. of NCT of Delhi and CDSCO, North Zone in a joint raid carried out in Feb. 2002 have also apprehended 4 persons for manufacturing and trading of spurious drugs. Police seized large haul of fake drugs moving in the inter State commerce in this raid.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) Since manufacture and sale of spurious medicines is a clandestine activity indulged in by anti-social persons, steps are taken from time to time by the enforcement authorities of the States to detect and unearth spurious/fake drugs in the inter-state commerce. The Drugs Controller General (India) has advised the State drugs controller to take the following measures for curbing the incidence of spurious drugs:—

(i) Constitution and reactivation of State Drug Advisory Committees in which various trade and industry associations as well as consumer association should find representation.

(ii) Establishment of separate intelligence-cum-legal machinery with police assistance.

(iii) Training should be provided to selected officials of Drug Control Administration in the modalities of intelligence work, prosecution etc. in respect of spurious counterfeit drugs.

(iv) To ensure speedy analysis of drug samples by establishing own State level drug testing facilities.

(v) State Drugs Control Authorities should be cautions while approving licenses for drug product to ensure that look-alike products are not encouraged.

(vi) To develop efficient communication facilities and recall procedures.

(vii) To undertake Surveillance of suspected dealers.

(viii) To engage experienced counsel for fighting spurious drug cases.

(ix) To obtain Cooperation of Pharmaceutical Industry by regular interaction with them.

(x) To collect survey samples under National Survey Quality Evaluation of Drug (NSQED) Programme.

In addition the following steps have been taken:

1. Association of Pharmaceutical Industry and All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists have been asked to take necessary initiative to collectively combat the menace of spurious drugs.

2. The problem of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs and the need to ensure its checking has been specifically explained to State Health Ministers during the meeting of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare held on 12th and 13th July, 2001 in New Delhi.

3. The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare has constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of DGHS on July 18, 2001 associating members from industry, trade, drug regulatory officials and public representative to go into all aspects of the menace of spurious drugs and suggest remedial measures. The meeting of the Committee was held on October, 25, 2001 and March 14, 2002 and various underlying issues concerning manufacture and sale of spurious durgs in the country were examined.

Statement

Number of cases wherein a big haul of spurious drugs has been unearthed during the last two years

	2000-2001	1.4.2001 to 26.11.2001
1. Assam	Nil	Nil
2. Bihar	Nil	2
3. Goa	Nil	Nil
4. Gujarat	Nil	1
5. Haryana	Nil	Nil
6. Himachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil
7. Jammu and Kashmir	Nil	Nil
8. Karnataka	Nil	1
9. Kerala	Nil	Nil
10. Madhya Pradesh	Nil	Nil
11. Maharashtra	Nil	2
12. Manipur	Nil	Nil
13. Meghalaya	Nil	Nil
14. Mizoram	Nil	Nil
15. Nagaland	Nil	Nil
16. Orissa	Nil	Nil
17. Punjab	Nil	Nil
18. Rajasthan	1	2

		2000-2001	1.4.2001 to 26.11.2001
19.	Sikkim	Nil	Nil
20.	Tamil Nadu	Nil	Nil
21.	Tripura	Nil	Nil
22.	Uttar Pradesh	2	Nil
23.	West Bengal	Nil	Nil
24.	Pondicherry	Nil	Nil
25.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Nil	Nil
26.	Chandigarh	Nil	Nil
27.	Delhi	1	1
28.	Dadara & Nagar Haveli	Nil	Nil
29.	Daman & Diu	Nil	Nil
30.	Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil
31	Andhra Pradesh	Nil	4
32	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil

Mother and Child Programme

3501. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started Mother and Child Programme aimed at reducing the risk of HIV transmission to the new-born;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the clinical tests of the drug used in the programme have been done;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether side-effects of this drug have been reported by FDA; and

(f) if so, reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIA. RAJA): (a) to (f) In view of the emerging threat of transmission of HIV infection from HIV infected pregnant mother to her baby, Government of India has started the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission